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To the Legislature of the State of Mississippi:

GENTLEMEN: We have the honor to submit herewith the Fourth Annual Administrative and Financial Report of the Director of the Department of Archives and History from October 1, 1904, to October 1, 1905. The Department has been engaged in its important work for the past three years and six months, and splendid progress has been made in the preservation and publication of Mississippi history.

It gives us genuine pleasure to endorse the great work which has been done, and we ask at your hands a liberal appropriation for the future support and maintenance of the Department. We feel that no more worthy work has ever been undertaken by the State of Mississippi.

We have the honor to be,

Yours very respectfully,

STEPHEN D. LEE,
CHARLES B. GALLOWAY,
R. B. FULTON,
EDWARD MAYES,
R. W. JONES,
J. R. PRESTON,
F. L. RILEY,
J. M. WHITE,
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Trustees Department of Archives and History

JACKSON, MISS., November 2, 1905.

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BY DUNBAR ROWLAND.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY,
JACKSON, MISS., October 1, 1905.

To General Stephen D. Lee, Bishop Charles B. Galloway, Chancellor R. B. Fulton, Dr. R. W. Jones, Dr. Edward Mayes, Prof. J. R. Preston, Dr. Franklin L. Riley, Prof. J. M. White, and Prof. G. H. Brunson, Trustees of the Department of Archives and History:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to respectfully submit herewith the fourth annual administrative and financial report of the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi, for the year beginning October 1, 1904, and ending October 1, 1905.

This report marks the passage of three years and six months since the establishment of the State's Historical Department, which, from a small experimental beginning, has grown and developed into a well defined system for the preservation of important State interests.

While it was intended from the first that certain responsibilities should rest entirely upon the Director of the Department, equal responsibilities have been borne by its governing body, and I wish, on this occasion, to record my gratitude for the generous support which has been given by the Board of Trustees, and which has so materially aided in the development of the historical work.

Meeting of Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History met, on call of the President, in the State's Hall of Fame, Saturday, October 8, 1904, with the following members present: Gen. Stephen D. Lee, Chancellor R. B. Fulton, Dr. R. W. Jones, Prof. J. R. Preston, Dr. Franklin L. Riley, Prof. J. M. White and Prof. G. H. Brunson. The Board was called to order by its President, Gen. Stephen D. Lee, after which the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

On motion made by Professor Preston the annual administrative and financial report of the Director was read, discussed, approved and ordered printed in an edition of one thousand copies.

Chancellor Fulton then offered the following resolution, which was approved:

"Resolved, That the diligence and efficiency of the Director of the Department of Archives and History in the administration of the office, especially as shown in the compilation and editing of the Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi; in the collection of information and material bearing upon the history of the State and in the development of a wholesome public interest in the work of the Department, are heartily approved by this Board, and that this expression of approval be placed on record."

The Director called to the attention of the Board the expediency of the removal from the State University to the Department of Archives and History, of the Claiborne collection and the collections of the Mississippi Historical Society, which was provided for by the following resolution, offered by Dr. Riley:

"Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Archives and History be authorized to receive from the Chancellor of the State University, and the Secretary of the Mississippi Historical Society, the Claiborne Collection and the collections of the Mississippi Historical Society, and transfer said collections to the Department of Archives and History, provided that the removal can be made so as not to conflict with existing law."

After some discussion relative to the legal custody of the collections, it was decided that the State University and the Historical Society were only temporary custodians for the

safekeeping of certain records and other historical materials, the property of the State, which could be returned at its pleasure. The resolution as offered was adopted.

On motion of Professor Preston, the Portrait Committee, consisting of General Lee, Dr. Mayes, Professor Brunson, and Mr. Rowland, was continued for another term of one year. The Board decided to accept donations of oil portraits of T. J. Wharton, W. F. Love, C. K. Marshall, F. L. Claiborne, Thomas Hinds, and Cowles Mead, to be hung in the Hall of Fame.

On motion of Dr. Jones, the Historical Commission, consisting of Bishop Galloway, Dr. Mayes, Dr. Riley, Professor White, and Mr. Rowland, was continued for a term of three years.

At the suggestion of Mr. Rowland, the Secretary of the Mississippi Historical Society was authorized to furnish fifteen sets of its publications to the Department of Archives and History.

The members of the Board then engaged in a very helpful round-table discussion of the historical work of the State, its progress and needs, which resulted in the unanimous opinion that the development of its varied activities was most encouraging. After the discussion, the Board adjourned to meet the first week in October, 1905, on a day to be fixed by the President.

STEPHEN D. LEE,
President.

DUNBAR ROWLAND,
Secretary.

Official and Statistical Register.

The Department's report of last year contained a statement of the preparation, publication and partial distribution of the Mississippi Official and Statistical Register. Its favorable reception by the public was mentioned. Its distribution has been largely instrumental in bringing prominently into view the practical and lasting value of the work of the Department. Before the publication of the Register there had never been printed an accurate list of even the governors of the State. The original official registers in the office of the Secretary of State, prior to 1853, had been lost or destroyed, which made

it very difficult to prepare accurate civil lists, giving the names of all officials and dates of service of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the territorial and State governments from 1798 to 1904. The publication of these civil lists has been of great service to State and county officials as well as to the public generally.

It has been the policy of the Department to place the Register in every school in the State, which had made the beginning of a library. It was also deemed advisable to distribute the volumes judiciously among the national, State, university and municipal libraries. In order that the State might be brought favorably to the notice of historical investigators the Register was sent to some of the leading historians of the country, who have been very kind in their expressions of approval. These generous words are valuable as evidence that the historical work, which is being done by the State, has received more than local recognition, and it is well to record in this place a few excerpts from letters relative to the publication. Dr. James Ford Rhodes, in a letter to the Department, says:

"I have read your volume with interest and pleasure. Among other things, have read with pleasure Bishop Galloway's address. I liked what he said about Jefferson Davis and Lamar. Everybody will echo what he said about Robert E. Lee. It is a noble tribute he paid to McKinley, with whom I had a warm friendship. Again I thank you for the book, which has revived pleasant memories and started a useful train of thought."

Dr. Kemp P. Battle says:

"I thank you heartily for the Mississippi Official and Statistical Register. It is really a wonderful book, and reflects great credit upon you, as well as on the patriotism and good sense of your Legislature, which supplied the funds."

The following excerpt is taken from a letter from Dr. Wm. A. Dunning:

"I have received a copy of your Official and Statistical Register and I thank you for it very sincerely. It seems to me that your Department could not engage in a more valuable work than the production of such a book from time to time. The work seems to me invaluable from the point of view of both current politics and historical science, for if there is one thing in which we are deficient, in the United States, it is

concrete knowledge of what is going on in those political divisions that embody, after all, the most important incidents in our general, political and social development. I wish that every State would get out such a volume at least once in five years. I shall have abundant occasion to use yours, and it is going to be of great assistance to me in every phase of the work I shall do in relation to Southern affairs. I am particularly interested in the biographical sketches of the men who occupy the offices of the State administration. This gives an insight into the actual character of the political personnel that means much to the historian who desires to consider matters from the social and economic point of view."

Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University, says:

"I beg most sincerely to thank you for a copy of the Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi, to which I have referred my students in a graduate course in American Government as a model hand-book for the government of one of the States in the Union. So far as I know, not another State in the Union publishes a book so thorough, complete and serviceable with regard to its State government. It is a model for other State legislatures, and historical students throughout the country are greatly interested in the creation of archives departments in Mississippi and Alabama. Throughout the Union the work of Mississippi and Alabama has become known as one of the most intelligent and successful efforts that has yet been made to reveal to a State the importance of its own history and the records of its history."

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson writes:

"Allow me to say, as one who has watched the work of your department from the beginning with much interest, that I think you are greatly to be congratulated upon your achievements. You have secured admirable and important results in a short time. I hope that the Department will be well supported by your State, for if anything in the history of historical work is certain, it is that governments which have supported history have found themselves in time deeply benefitted by the public spirit which the study of history promotes."

The impressions made upon the minds of such distinguished men of letters should be preserved. I beg the indulgence of the Board for the personal element which could not be entirely eliminated.

Visit to Washington.

These reports have, from time to time, advised the Board of the progress which is being made in the collection of Missis-

issippi Confederate rolls for the use of the War Department in its publication of the roster of officers and enlisted men of the Union and Confederate Armies.

During the last three years the work of collecting rolls has been vigorously pursued with good results. It was deemed best to make a large collection before submitting them to the compilers. In December last, one thousand rolls and documents were carefully assorted, marked and packed for shipment to Washington. On account of the valuable nature of the records it was decided that they should in transit be under personal supervision and control, and for that reason the shipment was conveyed by express, consigned to me at Washington. The records were sent on the same train which I took for the national capital and were delivered to me on arrival. I immediately turned them over to Gen. F. C. Ainsworth, Military Secretary, U. S. A., under whose supervision the roster is being compiled. The collection was the largest which has been transmitted by any Southern State, and while it was not complete, it can be made nearly so from the rolls of the War Department.

The work of compiling the military records of millions of soldiers is an undertaking of immense magnitude, and hundreds of experts, clerks and compilers are engaged upon it. The work is being done in the old Ford theater building, which is used as an annex of the War Department. I investigated somewhat the methods which have been mapped out for the compilation and was favorably impressed. The card record system has been adopted, which seems to be well suited for the systematic collection of the necessary data. A specially prepared card is set apart for the record of each soldier, upon which is recorded every fact connected with his military service that can be ascertained from official sources. In order to illustrate the record which will be given, I use as an example the military career of Gen. Robert E. Lee, about as it will appear in the roster:

Lee, Robert Edward. Virginia. Va. Cadet Military Academy July 1, 1825; brevet 2nd Lt., and 2nd Lt., engineers July 1, 1829; 1st Lt. Sept. 21, 1836; Capt., July 7, 1838; Lt. Col. 2nd Cav. March 3, 1855; Col. 1st Cav. March 16, 1861; brevet Major April 18, 1847, for gallantry

and meritorious conduct in the battle of Cerro Gordo, Mexico; Lt. Col. Aug. 20, 1847, for gallantry and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, Mexico; Col. Sept. 13, 1847, for gallantry and meritorious conduct in the battle of Chapultepec, Mexico; resigned April 25, 1861; Major-General Army of Virginia April 22, 1861; Brigadier-General C. S. A., May 14, 1861; General C. S. A., June 14, 1861; Commander-in-Chief, Army of Northern Virginia June 1, 1862; General-in-Chief of Confederate States Armies Jan. 31, 1865; Commander-in-Chief of all armies of the Confederate States, Feb. 6, 1865; surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia April 9, 1865; died October 12, 1870.

Washington offers many advantages for the study of the best methods for the care, classification and appreciation of historical archives, through the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress and the Bureau of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution. The facilities of these very instructive and valuable historical agencies were placed at my disposal by Mr. Worthington C. Ford and Prof. A. C. McLaughlin, the scholarly directors in charge. Mr. Ford, of the Library of Congress, gave me some very valuable ideas in regard to the technic of the archivist, along the lines of classification, binding, carding and collecting. Professor McLaughlin, of the Carnegie Institution, was very helpful in suggesting the whereabouts of national archives which were difficult of access. When in Washington I had three historic flags made for the Department's collection of flags. These emblems are made of the best quality of flag silk and are beautifully embroidered and finished. They represent and are exact reproductions of the first national flag of the Confederate States, popularly known as the "Stars and Bars;" the flag which was adopted by the Secession Convention of Mississippi and the Mississippi State flag. These flags were used in unveiling the portrait of Jefferson Davis when it was presented to the Department.

American Historical Association.

The annual meeting of the American Historical Association for 1904 was held at the University of Chicago, December 28-30. This body of historical investigators is one of the most active organizations for the preservation of history in the world. To be in touch with its activities is most helpful; to take part in

them fits one for greater usefulness and efficiency in historical work.

After my visit to Washington I attended the meeting of the Association, which, by reason of the central location of Chicago, was largely attended. Some of the most prominent members of the Association hold chairs in the faculty of the University of Chicago, and every possible arrangement for the entertainment and comfort of delegates was made. These thoughtful and courteous attentions, added to the ideal nature of the place of meeting, made it a complete success. The Association extended a generous recognition of the work of this Department in the following formal resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"In view of the importance of a proper administration and direction of State aid in behalf of historical work and enterprise, be it

"Resolved, By the American Historical Association, that the plan of administration in Alabama and Mississippi, through State Departments of Archives and History, is hereby formally endorsed and commended."

The resolution was presented by Dr. Albert Bushnel Hart, of Harvard University, who moved its adoption in a speech which was most gratifying to the delegates from Mississippi and Alabama.

Address to Tennessee Legislature and Tennessee Historical Society.

There is a well-defined and an intelligently directed movement in the Southern States for the preservation and publication of historical materials, which has resulted, within the past three years, in the establishment of some form of historical work, under State direction and control, in the majority of States south of the Ohio River. This work has been generally in the direction of the collection of Confederate military rolls, and is the result, seemingly, of the inauguration of that movement in Mississippi three years ago.

The State of Tennessee has had in active operation for many years a well-directed historical society, which has been very successful as a collecting agency for historical materials. The collections of the society are extensive and valuable, and its

members are anxious to place them under State control, through a Department of Archives and History, modeled after the Alabama-Mississippi plan. With that end in view the Society inaugurated an active movement under the intelligent direction of Dr. Frederick W. Moore, ex-Governor James D. Porter, Gen. G. P. Thruston and Mr. Robert S. Quarles, for the establishment of a Tennessee Department of Archives and History. During the course of the movement I received, under date of October 28, 1904, the following letter from Mr. Quarles, Corresponding Secretary of the Society:

"At the last meeting of the Tennessee Historical Society a resolution was introduced, and unanimously carried, asking you to address the Society at its January meeting. On this occasion we hope to have with us many distinguished people from this and other States. Many complimentary things were said of you and your work. Please let me know, at your earliest convenience, if you can be with us."

It gave me pleasure to accept the invitation of the Society. On January 7, 1905, the following letter, under date of January 6, was received from Hon. E. B. Martin, Clerk of the Tennessee House of Representatives:

"I have the pleasure to enclose you a copy of House Joint Resolution No. 3, which has been adopted, inviting you to address the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee on the morning of Tuesday, January 10th. I suppose that Dr. Mellen and others interested in your coming have already notified you of the action of the Legislature, and it is my pleasure to officially confirm same."

The resolution referred to is as follows:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 3

"WHEREAS, The Hon. Thomas M. Owen and the Hon. Dunbar Rowland, Archivists respectively of Alabama and Mississippi, have been invited by the Tennessee Historical Society to visit Nashville on January 10th and 11th; and, whereas, the object of this visit is to discuss the best methods for the collection and preservation of public records and State history; therefore, be it resolved:

"*First*, That these distinguished gentlemen be invited to address a joint meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives, at such an hour as may be fixed by the joint action of the two bodies, on the morning of the 10th.

"Second, That a joint committee from the Senate and House of Representatives be appointed by the respective chairs to notify these gentlemen of the wishes of the two bodies, and to make such arrangements as to carry out the object of the resolution."

Dr. Owen and I addressed a joint session of the two houses at 11 o'clock on the designated day, and on the following day appeared before the House Committee on Education, to which had been referred an Act for the establishment of a Department of Archives and History for the State of Tennessee.

We were impressed with the idea that conditions were favorable for the passage of the proposed measure, but later it seemed that adverse conditions arose which defeated it. However, the gentlemen who have charge of the movement report that much good has been done and are very hopeful of its final success.

Spanish Archives of the Natchez District.

The most ancient records in Mississippi are the Spanish archives of the Natchez District, which have all these years been deposited in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Adams County. These valuable records have been loaned to the Department for purposes of historical investigation, and something of their history will be interesting.

When the military posts of the Natchez District were evacuated by the Spaniards, March 30, 1798, the public records were left in the custody of John Girault, who held the position of recorder under Spanish authority. In the archives of the Sargent administration has been found the following letter, which seems to be the first official reference to the Spanish records:

"Dear Sir: When I received the records of Deeds and Dockets from Capt. Vidal in the year 94, the Papers were examined one by one, which took us a labour of a week long. I would not at this season of the year, in that Stove of a Fort undergo the same for many Hundd Dollars. Yet as I have had them in charge so long it would seem necessary that some official Document should appear to relieve me from future responsibility, especially as I was by the existing Government at that time officially vested with them, and at the Spanish evacuation, they were continued in my care by the Joint concurrence of the Representatives of the U. S.

and a committee representing the Inhabitants. I really am at a loss what to say about the business; I would be glad you would direct some way of executing it with as little labour as possible, for it will now interfere with my moving.

"The Trunk in which they are is the only large one I own, in which I huddled the papers at the evacuation, and want it much now to move some effects in.

"As I consider these papers really belonging to the offices of the Clerks & recorders, and do foresee the very peculiar hardship that will attend the Inhabitants of Pickering County by their part of them being detained in this County, I think a positive order from his Excellency should precede my delivery, and then a receipt will discharge me from responsibility or censure from the Inhabitants. I have the honor to be with much respect—

"Dear Sir your most obt & very
hble Servt.

"J. GIRAULT."

"Colo. Steele."

The above letter was addressed to Col. John Steele, Secretary of Mississippi Territory, and bears date of June 6, 1799.

The records were evidently turned over to the territorial authorities about that time.

By an Act passed March 4, 1803, during the administration of Cato West as acting Governor, it was provided that the Spanish records should be collected, translated, indexed and bound by an official, to be appointed by the Governor of the Territory, who should have official custody of the documents for the convenience and business purposes of the people.

In the meantime Robert Williams had been appointed Governor by President Jefferson, and the appointment of the keeper and translator of the Spanish records devolved upon him. William Harper received the appointment and translated the greater portion, if not all, of the records. These valuable documents are chronologically arranged, and cover a period from 1781 to 1798. They are bound in forty-one substantial volumes, including the index, and constitute an invaluable collection of historical material.

The records contain wills, deeds, contracts, court proceedings, including depositions and other interesting data, such as letters, laws, proclamations, orders and decrees of the King of Spain, the Governor-General of New Orleans and the local

Governor and military commander of the Natchez District. Such documents contain a history of the early settlers, their names, occupations, customs, manner of life and numberless other items of great value to the historian.

On April 5, 1905, the following letter was sent to the Board of Supervisors, the Chancery Clerk of Adams County and other prominent citizens:

"I beg leave to call your attention to a matter which is of great importance to the historical interests of the State. The Spanish records, which are on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Adams County, contain certain valuable historical material, which will be of use to the student and historian. I am anxious to have these documents as a part of the historical records of the Department of Archives and History. The Board of Supervisors, or other custodian, is authorized by Chapter 52, Section 4, Laws of 1902, to make a loan of such records to the State; and it is my purpose to petition the Board, at its May meeting, to lend the Spanish records to the State in order that copies may be made, and deposited in the Department of Archives and History. I am advised that the proposed loan will not, in any way, inconvenience the people of Adams County, inasmuch as copies of the originals will remain in the office of the Chancery Clerk.

"The State will come before the Board confident that its petition will be granted, as the records were originally collected and translated at the expense of the people of the Mississippi Territory.

"I shall be under many obligations by your endorsement and support of the proposed petition. Trusting that I shall have the honor of a favorable response in this important matter, I am, etc."

I left Jackson for Natchez April 30, and after arriving had an interview with Mr. John F. Jenkins, the popular and efficient Chancery Clerk of Adams County, who courteously agreed to make a loan of the records to the Department. The Board of Supervisors assembled the same morning, endorsed the action of Mr. Jenkins and had it made of record on its minutes. The records, which are the originals, were packed the same day and shipped by express to Jackson.

Concord Relics.

Concord, the mansion house of Governor Manuel Gayosa de Lemos, stood in the suburbs of Natchez until 1900, when it was destroyed by fire. During my trip to Natchez I visited the

ruins of the historic old building, in order to secure some relics for permanent preservation in the collections of the Department. The iron and marble steps of the main entrance, and some of the circular pillars are still standing. It is a tradition among the people of Natchez, which has been accepted by local chroniclers, that much of the materials for the building was imported from Spain, especially the marble and iron work. I secured an iron banister, a brass post ornament, a hinge and other hardware. I also found a wedge-shaped brick, which had been used in building the circular pillars that supported the front gallery. These relics have been placed on exhibition and have created an interest in the Spanish occupation.

Fort de Maurepas.

On a high elevation of our beautiful coast country is the site of old Fort de Maurepas, where Iberville located the first colonial enterprise of France, in what is now the State of Mississippi. This historic site lies within the corporate limits of the town of Ocean Springs, and is located on the eastern shore of the strait which connects the Back Bay of Biloxi with the Gulf, behind the bridge of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The site is covered with the beautiful oaks, pines and magnolias for which the Mississippi coast is famous. Mr. Portevant, the owner of the property, frequently discovers old hatchets, cannon balls and even cannon in the soil as it is worn away by the waters of the bay. Much of the original site of the fort has evidently been washed away, which is evidenced by the fact that quite a number of cannon have been discovered in the bay about fifty feet from the shore. These cannon must have been the original battery of the fort, as they bear all the marks of the make of the seventeenth century. One of these antique implements of war ornaments the grounds and serves to remind the visitor of the historic events which occurred there February 13, 1699, when Iberville and his followers laid the foundations of a new France on the Gulf of Mexico.

On the 10th of last May I visited the site of the old fort. It appeared to be the highest beach on that part of the coast, and its advantages for a military post can be seen at a glance.

Beautiful homes now stand where once stood the primitive defenses of the infant colonies, and the prospect, as one looks out on the blue waters of the Gulf, is most pleasing and refreshing.

Third Annual Report.

In view of the fact that the third annual report of the Department contained many valuable documents concerning the Aaron Burr expedition, five hundred copies were bound in cloth. These copies were intended for distribution among the libraries of the country, where good bindings are necessary for the proper preservation of books. The publication of the Burr material was made at the request of students, who were making investigations along the lines covered by it, and the report has been distributed quite generally among such investigators. In this way more than a local interest is being created in the historical archives of Mississippi, which is very desirable when their bearing on matters of national importance is considered.

Return of Mississippi Confederate Flags.

The national Congress, at its last session, passed a joint resolution which provided for the return, to the various States of the Union, of the battle-flags, which have been deposited in the War Department, in Washington, since the war between the Confederate States and the United States.

Some of these flags belonged to the Union armies, some to the armies of the Confederacy. There were about eight hundred in the collection, eighteen of which have been identified as belonging to Mississippi commands. These were returned to the Governor of the State last April, and were at once turned over to the Department of Archives and History.

The Mississippi flags were carried by the following commands: 1st, 2d, 4th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 33d, 44th and 48th Regiments of Infantry, 12th Regiment of Cavalry, Wigfall Rifles and Swett's Battery. The 15th Regiment of Infantry is represented by two flags, and the 12th Cavalry by two.

Some very valuable historical data about these flags, and the commands that carried them, has been collected. On

January 12, 1888, the national House of Representatives passed a resolution requesting the Secretary of War to furnish information relating to captured standards, flags and colors. The reply of the Secretary was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and was printed as House Executive Document No. 163, 50th Congress, 1st Session, and the facts in this report concerning the Mississippi flags are compiled, mainly, from that report.

In this connection it will be well to state that three national flags were adopted by the Confederate Congress. The first, which was adopted by the Provisional Congress at Montgomery early in its session, is known as the "Stars and Bars." It was made of three bars, two of red and one of white, with a blue field in the upper left corner, in which was a circle of seven white stars. The second Confederate flag consisted of a white body with a red field in the upper left corner, with a St. Andrew's Cross of blue, on which were thirteen white stars. The third flag was similar to the second, the only difference being a strip of red added to the end. The second flag was adopted May 1, 1863; the third March 4, 1865, which was so near the surrender that it never came into general use. The Confederate battle-flag consisted of a red field, with a St. Andrew's Cross of blue extending from corner to corner, upon which were thirteen white stars.

The 1st Mississippi Regiment of Infantry, C. S. A., was commanded by John M. Simonton, Colonel; A. S. Hamilton, Lieutenant-Colonel; Milton S. Alcorn, Major; Thomas H. Johnston, Major and Colonel. The Regiment was attached to the Army of Tennessee.

The flag of this regiment was captured at Peachtree Creek July 20, 1864, by private Dennis Buckley, Company G., 136th New York Volunteers, Twentieth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. The flag is made of bunting, is in fairly good condition, and follows the battle-flag design, with the exception of having only twelve stars; evidently having been made when the Confederacy consisted of twelve states. It has many marks of battle upon it in the shape of bullet holes.

The 2d Mississippi Regiment was commanded by William C. Falkner and John M. Stone, Colonels; John A. Blair, Lieutenant-Colonel and Major; Bentley B. Boone, Lieutenant-Colonel; John

H. Buchanan, Major; David W. Humphreys, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel. The regiment was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia. Its flag was captured with the entire regiment of the 6th Wisconsin Volunteers, and was kept two days by Sergeant Evans, while a prisoner in the hands of the enemy. (This is rather vague, as it does not tell when or how the flag was captured from the 2d Regiment.) The flag is a battle-flag and is made of bunting. It is in good condition, although perforated by bullets in many places. It has inscribed upon it the names, Seven Pines, Manassas, Malvern Hill, and Gaines' Farm.

The 4th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Thomas N. Adaire, Joseph Drake and Pierce S. Layton, Colonels; Thomas N. Adaire, Joseph J. Gee and Pierce S. Layton, Lieutenant-Colonels; Thomas N. Adaire, Joseph J. Gee and Thomas P. Nelson, Majors. The regiment was attached to the Army of Tennessee. Its flag is the battle-flag of the Confederacy and was captured by 1st Lieut. and Adjutant Thomas P. Gere at the battle of Brentwood Hills, near Nashville, December 16, 1864. The flag is made of bunting, and has inscribed on it in white cloth letters, Port Gibson, Big Black Bridge, Vicksburg, Chickasaw Bayou, Donelson and 4th Miss.

The 6th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by John J. Thornton and Robert Lowry, Colonels; E. R. Bennett, Thomas J. Borden and A. Y. Harper, Lieutenant-Colonels; Thomas J. Borden, W. T. Hendon, Robert Lowry and J. R. Stevens, Majors. This regiment was attached to the Army of Tennessee. No data concerning the capture of the flag of the 6th has been compiled. It is made of dark blue silk, and is very much tattered and torn. It is evidently the first flag carried by the regiment, as it does not follow the design of any Confederate flag.

The 8th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Greene C. Chandler, Guilford G. Flint and John C. Wilkinson, Colonels; James T. Gates, Aden McNeill and John F. Smith, Lieutenant-Colonels; Andrew E. Moody, George F. Peek, John F. Smith and William Watkins, Majors. The regiment was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia. The flag of this regiment was captured by private Richard Mangnum, of the 148th New York Volunteers, on April 2, 1865. It is the regulation battle-flag,

made of bunting. It is full of bullet holes, and is torn and tattered.

The 11th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Francis M. Green, Philip F. Liddell, Wilson H. Moore and Reuben O. Reynolds, Colonels; Samuel F. Butler, Philip F. Liddell, William B. Lowry and George W. Shannon, Lieutenant-Colonels; Samuel F. Butler, T. S. Evans, Alexander H. Franklin, Francis M. Green, William B. Lowry and Reuben O. Reynolds, Majors. This regiment was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia. The following statement is attached to the flag, marked the 11th Mississippi: "This flag with its bearer was captured at Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865, by private Charles A. Swan, Company K, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, First Brigade, Fourth Division Cavalry Corps, M. D. M. The bearer stated that it belonged to the 11th Mississippi." It is probable that accrediting the flag to this regiment is a mistake, as the 11th Mississippi Regiment served in Virginia, and it is hardly probable that its flag was captured at Selma, Alabama. The mistake seems to have arisen from the difficulty in deciphering the figures, which are very much faded. The flag is a battle-flag and is made of bunting.

The 15th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by James R. Binford, Michael Farrell and Winfield S. Statham, Colonels; James R. Binford, Michael Farrell, J. W. Hemphill and Edward C. Walthall, Lieutenant-Colonels; James R. Binford, William F. Brantley, James B. Dennis, Russell G. Prewitt and Lamkin S. Terry, Majors. The regiment was attached to the Army of Tennessee. The flag of the 15th was presented to the Yalobusha Rifles by the ladies of Coffeeville, when the company left that place to join the Army of Tennessee, and was afterwards adopted as the regimental flag. It is made of silk, and is modeled after the design of the first national flag of the Confederacy. It was captured at the battle of Mill Springs, Ky., by Corporal Albert Essen, of Company G, 2d Regiment Minnesota Volunteers. Only the upper part of the flag has been preserved. Another flag is credited to the 15th, and is reported as having been captured at Logan's Cross Roads, Ky., by Company E, 2d Regiment Minnesota Volunteers, but Col. Binford, who was

with the regiment through the war, is of the opinion that it is not the flag of the 15th.

The 16th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Samuel E. Baker, Edward C. Council and Carnot Posey, Colonels; Seneca McNeil Bain, Robert Clark, Abram M. Feltus and James J. Shannon, Lieutenant-Colonels; Samuel E. Baker, Jeff Bankston, Edward C. Council and Thomas R. Stockdale, Majors. Only a fragment of its flag remains, and no historical data is attached to it.

The 17th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Winfield S. Featherston, John C. Fiser and William Dunbar Holder, Colonels; John C. Fiser and John McGuirk, Lieutenant-Colonels; William L. Duff, John M. Lyles and Edward W. Upshaw, Majors. The regiment was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia. No facts of the capture of its flag were furnished by the War Department. It is a battle-flag made of bunting, is in good condition, and has written on it, "Col. W. D. Holder, 17th Miss. Reg."

The 18th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by E. R. Burt and Thomas M. Griffin, Colonels; Thomas M. Griffin and Walter G. Kearney, Lieutenant-Colonels; John W. Balfour, James C. Campbell, G. B. Gerald and E. G. Henry, Majors. This regiment was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia. Its flag was captured at Fredericksburg, May 5, 1863. It is a regulation battle-flag, made of bunting, and is well preserved.

The 19th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Nathaniel H. Harris, Thomas J. Hardin, L. Q. C. Lamar, Christopher H. Mott, John Mellins, Richard W. Phipps and Ward G. Vaughan, Colonels; James H. Duncan, Nathaniel H. Harris, Thomas J. Hardin, L. Q. C. Lamar, John Mellins, Richard W. Phipps and Ward G. Vaughan, Lieutenant-Colonels; Ben Alston, Robert A. Dean, James H. Duncan, Thomas J. Hardin, John Mellins, Richard W. Phipps, Thomas R. Reading, Abner Smead and Ward G. Vaughan, Majors. The regiment was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia. No data of its flag was furnished by the War Department. It is a battle-flag, made of bunting, and is attached to an oak stick cut from the forest. It is full of bullet holes, and is worn and faded.

The 33d Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Jabez L. Drake, John Howard and David W. Hurst, Colonels; Jabez L. Drake, John Howard and William B. Johnson, Lieutenant-Colonels; Jabez L. Drake, Robert J. Hall and John Howard, Majors. This regiment was attached to the Army of Tennessee. Its flag was captured by the 26th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, at Peachtree Creek, Ga., July 20, 1864, Twentieth Corps, Army of the Cumberland. It represents the second national flag of the Confederacy, and is large size, made of bunting and well preserved.

The 44th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by A. K. Blythe and Jacob H. Sharp, Colonels; R. G. Kelsie and James Moore, Lieutenant-Colonels; John C. Thompson, Major. The regiment was attached to the Army of Tennessee. Its flag was captured by Corporal Luther B. Kattenbach, Company F, 12th Iowa Infantry, at the battle of Brentwood Hills near Nashville, December 16, 1864. It is designed after the second national flag of the Confederacy, and is well preserved.

The 48th Mississippi Regiment was commanded by Joseph M. Jayne, Colonel; Thomas B. Manlove, Lieutenant-Colonel, and L. C. Lee, Major. The regiment was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia. Its flag was captured at the battle of the Wilderness, May 12, 1864, by the 12th New Jersey Volunteers, Carroll's Brigade. It is designed after the battle-flag of the Confederacy, is made of bunting, and its folds are almost covered with the names of the battles in which the regiment engaged, to-wit: Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Beaver Dam, Gaines' Mill, Frazier's Farm, Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Harper's Ferry, Bristow Station, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Deep Run.

The 12th Mississippi Regiment of Cavalry was commanded by Charles G. Armistead, Colonel; Philip B. Spence, Lieutenant-Colonel, and William Yerger, Major. The regiment was attached to the Army of Tennessee. Its flag was captured with its bearer at Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865, by private James P. Miller, Company D, 4th Iowa Cavalry. It is a well preserved bunting flag, made after the design of the second national flag of the Confederate States. Another flag of the regiment was returned, however. Only the blue field of the original flag remains. It

is beautifully painted, with gilt stars surrounding a center piece containing an eagle perched on a shield, on each side of which is a white horse. A ship, plow, and some sheaves of wheat are painted on the shield with the words, "Virtue, Liberty, Independence," inscribed beneath.

The Wigfall Rifles was attached to the 15th Regiment, and was originally commanded by W. F. Brantley. Its flag was captured at the battle of Mill Springs, Ky., by Company F, 9th Ohio Volunteers. It is designed after the first national flag of the Confederacy, and is well preserved.

In addition to the above described flags, the Department has the flags of the 7th and 9th Regiments and the Burt Rifles. The flag of the 7th Regiment was presented to the Department by Mrs. Julia S. Goodfellow, who received it from her husband, a Federal soldier. It is a battle-flag, much tattered and torn, and has inscribed on it, "7th Reg. Miss. Vol., Shiloh Battle, April 6, 7, 1862; Lieut.-Col. Mayson; Private P. R. Bonds, Bearers, from Amite County."

The flag of the 9th Regiment was presented by R. E. Paxton, of Vicksburg. It is a battle-flag, somewhat torn, and has inscribed on it, "9th Miss. Reg., Tucker's Brigade, Hindman's Division, Hood's Corps, A. T."

The flag of the Burt Rifles was presented by Miss Alice Hilzim, of Jackson, Miss. It is made of white silk, with a magnolia tree in the center, above which is painted the name "Burt Rifles," and below the words, "Ever Ready."

The flag of Swett's Battery is made of blue cloth, and is faded and torn. It has a white shield in the center, on which are the name of the battery and two crossed cannon. Chickamauga and Tunnel Hill are written on it. The flag was captured by the 16th Illinois Regiment, at Jonesboro, September 1, 1864. Only a fragment of the original flag remains.

These valuable flags, in order to be properly preserved, should be placed in handsome glass cases, the necessity for which will be brought to the attention of the Legislature.

Visit to Vicksburg.

The members of the Vicksburg bar have raised a fund for the purchase of a handsome oil portrait of Gov. John I. Guion,

which will be presented to the Department, for the Hall of Fame. The only known oil portrait of Gov. Guion hangs in the courtroom of the Warren County Courthouse at Vicksburg, and a copy of that portrait will be presented. At the instance of R. L. McLaurin, Esq., a prominent member of the Vicksburg bar, I was invited to appear before the Warren County Bar Association, on May 27th, for the purpose of presenting an invitation to place Gov. Guion's portrait in the Hall of Fame. The invitation was extended and was graciously accepted. A fund was immediately raised, and a committee was appointed to have the portrait painted. I wish to publicly express my sense of obligation for the numerous courtesies extended by Messrs. R. L. McLaurin and A. A. Armistead, also for the courteous reception of all other members of the Vicksburg bar.

Library of Mississippi History.

One of the important activities of the year has been the collection of printed sources of Mississippi history. The work has proceeded along broad lines, and aims at the collection of every form of secondary historical material, which bears, in any way, on Mississippi history. The Department receives the published lists of some of the largest dealers in old books in the United States and England, and has given standing orders for certain volumes, with the understanding that prices are satisfactory. The great majority of books that deal especially with Mississippi history are out of print; many bring high prices, but the collection has been made at a reasonable cost. The following books have been purchased, and with those that have been donated, form the nucleus of the Department's library of Mississippi history:

L. Q. C. Lamar, His Life, Times and Speeches, 1825-1893, by Edward Mayes.

DeSoto and Florida, 1812-1868, by Barnard Shipp.

Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of Edward C. Walthall.

Speeches and Writings of Hon. A. G. Brown, by M. W. Cluskey.

Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government, by Jefferson Davis.

Two Wars, Mexico, Confederate, by S. G. French.

- Valley of the Mississippi, 2 vols., by John W. Monette.
 The Aaron Burr Conspiracy, by Walter Flavius McCaleb.
 Colonial Mobile, by Peter J. Hamilton.
 Slavery and Finances, by Robert J. Walker.
 Diary of the War for Separation, by H. C. Clarke. Presented by
 Dr. Edward Mayes.
 How the World was Peopled, by Edward Pontaine.
 History of Alabama, by William Garrott Brown.
 Miscellanies of Georgia, by Absolom H. Chappell.
 The Magistrate's Assistant, by Harry Toulmin.
 Congressional Documents Relating to the Administration of Win-
 throp Sargent.

*Papers in Relation to the Official Conduct of Governor Sargent,
 by Winthrop Sargent.*

- Casket of Reminiscences, by Henry S. Foote.
 Life and Times of Gen. Sam Dale, the Mississippi Partisan, by J. F. H.
 Claiborne.
 A Soldier's Honor, with Reminiscences of Major-General Earl Van
 Dorn, by His Comrades. Presented by Mrs. E. V. D. Miller.
 Life and Correspondence of John A. Quitman, by J. F. H. Claiborne.
 2 vols.
 The Chisolm Massacre, by James M. Wells.
 Poems by Evelyn M. Purvis, presented by the Author.
 Aunt Peggy and Other Poems, by T. A. S. Adams.
 Pioneer Preachers and People of the Mississippi, by William Henry
 Milburn.
 The Veiled Doctor, by Barina Anne Jefferson Davis.
 Pioneer Preacher, by William Henry Milburn.
 — Georgia Scenes, by Augustus B. Longstreet.
 Romantic Passages in Southwestern History, by A. B. Meek.
 The South West, 2 vols., by J. H. Ingraham.
 Nine Years of Democratic Rule in Mississippi, by Van Winkle.
 The History of Alabama, 2 vols., by Albert James Pickett.
 My Cave Life in Vicksburg, by Mrs. Jas. M. Loughborough.
 Poems, by Irwin Russell.
 Enscolidion, or Shadow of Death, by T. A. S. Adams.
 History of Louisiana, 4 vols., by Alcée Fortier.
 A Tour in the Unsettled Parts of North America, by Francis Bailey.
 A History of Mississippi, by Robert Lowry and William H. McCardle.
 Mississippi as a Province, Territory and State, by J. F. H. Claiborne..
 List of Field Officers of Regiments and Battallions of the Confederate
 States Army.

- Poems, by Ellen E. Hebron. Presented by the Author.
- The Ills of the South, by Charles H. Otken. Presented by the Author.
- Academic Memorials, by John W. Waddell.
- Mississippi Scenes, by J. B. Cobb.
- History of South Carolina, by William Gilmore Simms.
- Kemper County Vindicated, by James D. Lynch.
- Flush Times of Alabama and Mississippi, by Joseph G. Baldwin.
- A Short History of the Confederate States of America, by Jefferson Davis.
- A Complete History of Mississippi Baptists, by Z. T. Leavell and T. J. Bailey.
- The Southern States, 3 vols., compiled from De Bow's Review.
- Captain Kyd, by J. H. Ingraham.
- Poems, by Walter Malone. Presented by the Author.
- Memories, by Mrs. Fannie A. Beers.
- The Throne of David, by J. H. Ingraham.
- A Journey in the Back Country, by Frederick Low Olmstead.
- The Prince of the House of David, by J. H. Ingraham.
- Spain in America, by Edward G. Bourne.
- Flint's Geography, by Timothy Flint.
- History of Louisiana, 4 vols., by Charles Gayarre.
- Old Churches and Families of Virginia, by Bishop Mead.
- History of North Carolina, by John H. Wheeler.
- History of Virginia, by Charles Campbell.
- Bibliography of Alabama, by Thomas M. Owen. Presented by the compiler.
- Bibliography of Mississippi, by Thomas M. Owen. Presented by the compiler.
- Historical Register, Officers of the Continental Army, by F. B. Heitman.
- Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, 1789-1903, 2 vols., by F. B. Heitman.
- Wailes' Agriculture and Geology of Mississippi, by B. L. C. Wailes.
- Preliminary Report on the Geology and Agriculture of the State of Mississippi, by L. Harper.
- Report on the Geology and Agriculture of the State of Mississippi, by Edgar W. Hilgard.
- Confederate Military History, XIII Vols. edited by Clement A. Evans, and written by associated scholars. Presented by the Confederate Publishing Company.
- Annals of Tennessee, by J. G. M. Ramsey.
- Executive Register of the United States, by Robert Brent Mosher.
- The Quadroon, by J. H. Ingraham.
- Burton, by J. H. Ingraham.
- Gov. Walker, with the Rescue of Kansas from Slavery, by George W. Brown. Presented by Frank H. Hodder.

- Songs of the South, by Ellen E. Hebron. Presented by the Author.
 The Creek War, by H. S. Halbert and T. H. Ball.
 Sketch of the Creek Country, by Benjamin Hawkins.
 History of Georgia, by Lawton B. Evans.
 The Mississippi Justice, by L. O. Bridewell.
 The Gray Jackets, by a Confederate.
 "Old Miss." (University Annual for 1897, 1898-'99, 1901, 1902, 1903.
 Presented by Chancellor R. B. Fulton.
 Complete set of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate
 Armies, with maps. Presented by Senator A. J. McLaurin.
 History of the Catholic Church in the United States, 4 vols., by John
 Gilmore Shea.
 Lorenzo Dow's Complete Works, by Lorenzo and Peggie Dow.
 History of Georgia, 2 vols., by Chas. C. Jones.
 Methodism in Mississippi, by John G. Jones.
 History of Newton County, by A. J. Brown. Presented by the Author.
 Recollections of Mississippi and Mississippians, by Reuben Davis.
 Darby's Louisiana, 1817, by William Darby.
 History of Alabama, by W. Brewer. Presented by Thomas M. Owen.
 Reconstruction in Mississippi, by James W. Garner.
 Bench and Bar of the South and Southwest, by Henry S. Foote.
 Early Days in Mississippi, H. S. Fulkerson.
 A Brief History of Mississippi Territory, by James Hall.
 A View of West Florida, by John Lee Williams.
 The Bench and Bar of Mississippi, by James D. Lynch.
 Memoirs of Mississippi, 2 vols., Goodspeed.
 Biographical Congressional Directory, 1774-1903.
 Memoirs of S. S. Prentiss, 2 vols., by his brother.
 Texas and the Texans, 2 vols., by Henry S. Foote.
 Forman's Journey Down the Ohio and Mississippi, 1789-90, by Lyman
 C. Draper.
 Three Months in the Southern States, by Lieut.-Col. Freemantle;
 original covers of Confederate Gray, published in Mobile in 1864.
 — Narratives of DeSoto, 2 vols., edited by Edward Gaylor Bourne.
 Bartram's Travels Through North and South Carolina, Georgia and
 East and West Florida, by William Bartram.
 A Southern Planter, by Susan Dabney Smedes.
 School History of Mississippi, by Franklin L. Riley.
 School History of Mississippi, by Robert Lowry and William H.
 McCardle.
 Historical Collections of Louisiana and Florida, Parts 1, 5 and 7,
 by B. F. French.
 Guide to Mississippi, by Richard Griggs.

The list given does not include any of the hundreds of valuable pamphlets that have been collected without cost. These

pamphlets are published as far back as 1810, and covering the time from that period to the present. They will be bound and catalogued at some future time.

Official Archives.

Satisfactory progress during the past year has been made in the arrangement and classification of the official archives of the Department. This character of work is necessarily slow, as each document must be critically examined, pressed and frequently repaired before placing in its proper file. A preliminary arrangement has been made and access can be had to materials which bear on almost every subject of State history. While the records are as yet in unbound files, which makes research more difficult, one is inclined to be tolerant of such collections when it is known that similar conditions exist in Washington, and in every capital of Europe. The student who is looking for easy conditions, will hardly find them when he undertakes the investigation of original historical sources, even where methods of classification are the best.

After a patient study of methods employed in the most progressive and efficient archive bureaus, one arrives at the conclusion that it is best to make haste slowly in such work, and that it takes time, endless labor and ample funds to attain the best results. What is believed to be a good system for an orderly and scientific arrangement and classification has been formulated, and is being gradually developed by the Department.

Claiborne Collection.

The Claiborne papers and documents are among the most interesting and valuable unofficial archives in the possession of the State. This valuable collection was presented to the State by J. F. H. Claiborne, the Mississippi Historian in 1882. On March 8, 1882, a joint resolution was approved which provided that the custody of the collection should be given to the State University, and an appropriation of one hundred dollars was provided to carry the resolution into effect. Soon after a part

of the collection was sent by the State authorities to the University, but owing, presumably, to some oversight the greater part of the papers were never transferred. The part that remained in Jackson came into the custody of this Department soon after its organization.

In November, soon after the October meeting of the Board of Trustees, at which a resolution was passed providing for the transfer of the collection to this Department, I visited the University for the purpose of consulting with Chancellor Fulton relating to the proposed removal. The collection consisted originally of packages of letters, documents, manuscripts, pamphlets, books and newspaper files. The manuscript portion of the collection was carefully assorted and bound alphabetically under the supervision of the University authorities, and the entire collection has been carefully kept and preserved.

During commencement week last June I went to the University, packed the collection and had it shipped by express to Jackson. After a separation of twenty-three years it has been placed in the unofficial archives of the Department with that portion of the papers which remained in Jackson. It gives me pleasure to express the deep obligation of the State to the University for the safe keeping of these important historical treasures.

It is not considered essential to give a catalogue of the collection in this report, as that work was carefully done by the University, and a complete list of the documents was returned with them. Catalogues of the collection have been published in the reports of the Alabama and the Mississippi Historical Commissions.

Collections of the Historical Society.

When the Mississippi Historical Society was reorganized in 1890 it was provided by the act of incorporation, passed by the Legislature and approved February 17, 1890, that the bound newspaper files owned by the State should be donated to the Society. By that authority, and under the direction of Chancellor Edward Mayes, the newspaper files were moved to the State University, the headquarters of the Historical Society. The Society was authorized to select from the State archives,

after securing the permission of the Secretary of State, such documents as could be spared without injury to the State. It seems, however, that this was never done.

Since 1890 additions have been made to the collections of the Society, consisting of books, newspapers, manuscripts, relics and Indian antiquities. Under the supervision of Dr. Riley, the Secretary of the Society, and in accordance with a resolution of the Board the newspaper files which were donated by the State were returned to the Department in the month of March.

The remaining collections of the Society were packed and shipped with the Claiborne papers. These collections are catalogued in the report of the Mississippi Historical Commission, and will not be enumerated in this report.

The Department has been provided with fifteen sets of the publications of the Historical Society.

Historical Portraits, Hall of Fame.

The collection of historical portraits continues to increase, and a number of valuable additions have been made during the past year. A list of the portraits received follows. On January 19, 1905, an oil portrait of Jefferson Davis was presented to the Department of Archives and History by the Mississippi Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was executed by Carl Guthertz, of Washington, D. C., and has been pronounced by competent critics a most excellent likeness of the President of the Confederacy.

The portrait was publicly presented in the House of Representatives with interesting ceremonies. The presentation was witnessed by many delegates representing the daughters of the Confederacy, by Gen. Stephen D. Lee and many other Confederate veterans, who were guests of honor, and by a large assembly of the people of Jackson.

Hernando De Soto Money, presented by Mrs. H. D. Money, October 29, 1904.

Charles Scott, presented by his son, Charles Scott, May 29, 1905.

Robert Lowry, presented by his son, John Lowry, July 5, 1905.

In connection with these it gives me pleasure to report that oil paintings of the Mississippi State Houses, built in 1822 and in 1839, have been presented to the Department by Cornelius Hankins, of Nashville. Mr. Hankins is a native of Mississippi and his generous donation is an evidence of his affection for his native State.

Additional furnishings have been placed in the Hall of Fame, which add considerably to its appearance and comfort.

The Department's collection of historical portraits has done much towards developing in the State an active historical spirit.

Honorary Membership in Missouri Historical Society.

It is very gratifying to feel that the work of the Department is attracting the favorable attention of many of the best historical societies and associations in the country. On July 12, 1905, I received the following letter from the Secretary of the Missouri Historical Society:

St. Louis, Mo., July 12, 1905.

DUNBAR ROWLAND, Esq., Jackson, Miss.

Dear Sir: It gives me pleasure to inform you that at a recent meeting of our Advisory Committee you were unanimously elected to honorary membership in the Missouri Historical Society. This is a slight expression of our appreciation of the work which you are doing in behalf of history.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES P. PETTUS, *Secretary.*

The honor conferred was highly appreciated, as it emanated from one of the most progressive and active historical societies of the country, and one which is doing a splendid work for the preservation of the history of the great Mississippi Valley. This statement will be appreciated by those who saw the exhibit of the Missouri Historical Society at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Hall of History.

The room designated the Hall of History has been furnished with tables, paper press and a complete set of filing cases since

the last report. It is now well arranged for use as an historical hall. While the room is detached from the administrative office of the Department, which makes it somewhat inconvenient, it is admirably suited for the purpose to which it has been dedicated.

Publication of Official Archives.

In the last annual report of the Department a comprehensive plan for the publication of Mississippi Official Archives was outlined. It was stated that the publication of such historical materials would be undertaken this year, as the Legislature had appropriated one thousand dollars for the work. It will be recalled that archive publications were divided into three general heads, dealing with as many important periods of State history; that is, Mississippi Provincial Archives, Mississippi Territorial Archives and Mississippi State Archives. The territorial records begin with the executive journals of Gov. Winthrop Sargent and Gov. William C. C. Claiborne. The first contains four hundred and forty-seven manuscript pages, the second three hundred and sixty pages. These journals have been carefully copied, edited and annotated, and are now in the hands of the publishers, who have promised to have them ready for distribution by the 15th of December. Historical sketches of Sargent and Claiborne, and half-tone cuts of both Governors will appear in the publication. It will be provided with an introduction, a table of contents and an index. The volume will contain about, six hundred and fifty pages.

Newspaper Files.

The newspaper files, which have been collected during the past three years, have been bound in three hundred and fifty volumes. Canvass of the most durable quality was selected for binding, as it has been demonstrated by practical tests that such material is more lasting than leather.

The newspaper files of the Department now number about five hundred volumes, and cover a period from 1805 to 1905.

Donations.

Donations of historical materials to the Department during the past year have been numerous and valuable. These gifts consist generally of interesting relics and pamphlets, which are catalogued as follows:

A collection of one hundred and twenty-six large photographs of the battle-fields of Virginia. Presented by Hon. D. W. Sanders, of Louisville, Ky. This collection is one of the four sets which were made under the direction of the Pennsylvania Historical Society. Two of the sets are in Philadelphia and one is in Paris, France.

Facsimile of the great seal of the Confederate States of America. Presented by Mrs. Edward W. Ayres, of Washington, D. C. This facsimile was made by the designers of the original seal.

A set of the minutes of the reunions of the United Confederate Veterans, 1888-1905. Presented by Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of Columbus, Miss.

A set of the minutes of the Mississippi Bar Association, 1886-1892. Presented by W. R. Harper, Esq.

Rolls of Volunteer Southern, war clippings, Mississippi and Confederate currency. Presented by Mrs. M. J. Battle, of Vicksburg, Miss.

Copy of Statesman and Gazette, published at Natchez, December 5, 1829. Presented by R. S. Butler, of Meadville, Miss.

A collection of original photographs of the Confederate Generals, including one of President Davis. Presented by Miss Kittie M. Rowland, of Houlka, Miss.

Copy of the history of the Lamar Rifles. Presented by Mrs. R. W. Jones, Historian of the Mississippi Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Oxford, Miss.

Collection of historical material concerning Confederate soldiers. Presented by Mrs. R. W. Jones, Historian Mississippi Division, Daughters of the Confederacy.

Rolls of Confederate Companies from Madison County. Presented by W. W. Rucker, of Canton, Miss.

Rolls of Confederate Companies from Adams County. Presented by Capt. T. Otis Baker, of Natchez, Miss.

Collection of valuable historical pamphlets. Presented by Millsaps College.

Collection of valuable historical pamphlets. Presented by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of Jackson, Miss.

Battle flag of the 7th Mississippi Regiment, C. S. A. Presented by R. E. Paxton, of Vicksburg, Miss.

Battle flag of Company A, First Mississippi Regiment, Artillery. Presented by Hon. Frank Johnston, of Jackson, Miss.



Map of Holmes County. Presented by Hon. E. F. Noel, of Lexington, Miss.

Continental currency. Presented by Hon. Presley Groves, of Leake County.

Letter from John A. Quitman to Col. Elias Jenkins. Presented by F. P. Jenkins, of Aberdeen, Miss.

Order book of Gen. E. C. Walthall and correspondence relative to battle of Lookout Mountain. Presented by Col. E. T. Sykes, of Columbus, Miss.

Two bound files and one unbound of Port Gibson Reveille, 1888 to 1896, one bound file of Port Gibson Herald, 1843, '44, '45, '48 and '51. Presented by A. C. Wharton, of Port Gibson, Miss.

Mail box used in the '20's at the home of Governor Leake. Presented by Mr. C. J. Johnston, through Mrs. R. J. Harding.

Confederate History Commission.

Valuable historical data relative to the Confederate soldiers of Mississippi, have been collected since the last report by the Confederate History Commission. The following Commissioners have filed interesting reports during the year.

Dr. R. W. Jones, for Lafayette County.

Judge Robert Bowman, for Yazoo County.

W. F. Rowell, for Webster County.

J. H. Cornwell, for Winston County.

L. W. Conerly, for Pike County.

Maj. G. W. Bynum, for Alcorn County.

T. M. Murphree, for Calhoun County.

Dr. John Y. Murry, for Tippah County.

J. M. Currie, for Smith County.

Dr. J. L. Simmons, for Coahoma County.

Dr. Z. S. Goss, for Marion County.

C. S. Robertson, for Union County.

Dr. J. Mell. Smith, for Yalobusha County.

Judge Baxter McFarland, for Monroe County.

J. J. Hicks, for Benton County.

A. Purviance, for Madison County.

Col. E. T. Sykes, for Lowndes County.

J. B. Mathison, for Marshall County.

Election of President and Trustees.

The terms of the President and three members of the Board of Trustees will have expired before the next annual meeting. It

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therefore becomes necessary to elect their successors at this meeting, in order that the names of the newly elected Trustees may be presented to the January meeting of the Senate for confirmation. The Trustees whose terms expire January 1, 1906, are Gen. Stephen D. Lee, Prof. J. R. Preston and Prof. J. M. White.

Assistant.

The position of Assistant in the Department has for the past three years been well and capably filled by Mrs. Eron O. Gregory, and the practical experience which that term of service has afforded has given her a good equipment for future usefulness. Up to this time the salary of the Assistant has been small. Similar positions in other departments of the State Government carry a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, and it is believed that the revenues of this Department will justify the payment of a similar sum. I therefore respectfully recommend that the salary of the Assistant in the Department of Archives and History be fixed at one thousand dollars.

Conclusion.

After reviewing the activities of the Department for 1904-05 it may be said as a final word, that it has been a year of growth along the lines of practical administration. New undertakings have been successfully inaugurated, and it is hoped that the success of the past will be an incentive to greater efforts and higher ideals in the future.

The financial report of the Department appears as an appendix.

Most respectfully submitted,

DUNBAR ROWLAND,
Director.

APPENDIX.

Statement of Disbursements for Department of Archives and History
For Fiscal Year 1905.

Oct.	3.	To Warrant No. 159.....	\$ 3 00	
Oct.	3.	To Warrant No. 160.....	29 00	
Oct.	3.	To Warrant No. 161.....	60 00	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 324.....	1 80	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 325.....	13 35	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 326.....	12 50	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 327.....	12 50	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 328.....	13 35	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 329.....	15 00	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 330.....	1 15	
Oct.	8.	To Warrant No. 331.....	5 90	
Nov.	2.	To Warrant No. 582.....	60 00	
Nov.	2.	To Warrant No. 583.....	14 25	
Nov.	2.	To Warrant No. 584.....	7 80	
Nov.	2.	To Warrant No. 585.....	2 00	
Dec.	1.	To Warrant No. 968.....	11 40	
Dec.	1.	To Warrant No. 969.....	7 00	
Dec.	1.	To Warrant No. 970.....	8 75	
Dec.	1.	To Warrant No. 971.....	3 75	
Dec.	1.	To Warrant No. 972.....	60 00	
Dec.	20.	To Warrant No. 1281.....	10 00	
Jan.	3.	To Warrant No. 1362.....	60 00	
Jan.	3.	To Warrant No. 1363.....	54 48	
Jan.	3.	To Warrant No. 1364.....	156 50	
		From appropriation for 1904.....	\$ 623 48	
Jan.	3.	To Warrant No. 1389.....	4 00	
Jan.	13.	To Warrant No. 1616.....	64 15	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1873.....	60 00	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1874.....	10 00	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1875.....	50 60	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1876.....	4 00	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1877.....	1 95	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1878.....	2 45	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1879.....	5 00	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1996.....	35 00	
March	1.	To Warrant No. 2295.....	60 00	
March	6.	To Warrant No. 2328.....	3 00	
March	6.	To Warrant No. 2329.....	49 50	

March	6.	To Warrant No. 2330.....	\$ 12 96	
March	6.	To Warrant No. 2331.....	3 50	
March	6.	To Warrant No. 2338.....	25 00	
March	29.	To Warrant No. 2620.....	18 50	
March	29.	To Warrant No. 2621.....	72 00	
March	29.	To Warrant No. 2622.....	8 50	
March	29.	To Warrant No. 2623.....	61 50	
March	29.	To Warrant No. 2624.....	1 75	
March	29.	To Warrant No. 2625.....	61 50	
March	29.	To Warrant No. 2626.....	13 00	
April	1.	To Warrant No. 2655.....	60 00	
April	1.	To Warrant No. 2726.....	9 40	
April	10.	To Warrant No. 2869.....	18 54	
April	17.	To Warrant No. 2942.....	24 50	
April	29.	To Warrant No. 2981.....	35 00	
April	29.	To Warrant No. 2982.....	6 50	
April	29.	To Warrant No. 2985.....	60 00	
May	30.	To Warrant No. 3398.....	9 90	
May	30.	To Warrant No. 3399.....	2 95	
May	30.	To Warrant No. 3400.....	7 25	
May	30.	To Warrant No. 3402.....	6 00	
May	30.	To Warrant No. 3403.....	103 52	
June	1.	To Warrant No. 3411.....	60 00	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3947.....	60 00	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3948.....	5 00	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3949.....	8 00	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3950.....	19 89	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3951.....	13 00	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3952.....	83 10	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3953.....	22 83	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3954.....	8 65	
July	20.	To Warrant No. 4216.....	10 00	
July	25.	To Warrant No. 4230.....	60 00	
August	1.	To Warrant No. 4256.....	60 00	
August	1.	To Warrant No. 4257.....	12 58	
August	1.	To Warrant No. 4258.....	5 55	
August	1.	To Warrant No. 4259.....	7 00	
Sept.	1.	To Warrant No. 4599.....	6 70	
Sept.	1.	To Warrant No. 4600.....	60 00	
From appropriation for 1905.....			\$1, 473 72	
Total.....			\$2, 097 20.....	\$1, 473 72
Balance unexpended October 1, 1905.....				1, 026 28
Balance unexpended October 1, 1904.....			\$ 623 48.....	\$2, 500 00

Disbursement of Fund for Director's Salary.

1904.				
Oct.	3.	To Warrant No. 162.....	\$ 150 00	
Nov.	2.	To Warrant No. 581.....	150 00	
Dec.	1.	To Warrant No. 967.....	150 00	
1905.				
Jan.	3.	To Warrant No. 1361.....	150 00	
		From appropriation for 1901.....	\$ 600 00	
Feb.	1.	To Warrant No. 1872.....	150 00	
March	1.	To Warrant No. 2294.....	150 00	
April	1.	To Warrant No. 2654.....	150 00	
April	29.	To Warrant No. 2984.....	150 00	
June	1.	To Warrant No. 3410.....	150 00	
July	1.	To Warrant No. 3946.....	150 00	
August	1.	To Warrant No. 4255.....	150 00	
Sept.	1.	To Warrant No. 4598.....	150 00	
		From appropriation for 1905.....	1,200 00	
Total.....			\$1,800 00	
Balance unexpended October 1, 1905.....			600 00	

Disbursement of Fund for Director's Traveling Expenses.

1904.				
Dec.	14.	To Warrant No. 1217.....	\$ 175 00	
Dec.	14.	To Warrant No. 1219.....	8 60	
		From appropriation for 1904.....	\$ 183 60	
1905.				
April	29.	To Warrant No. 2982.....	60 00	
May	30.	To Warrant No. 3401.....	8 20	
		From appropriation for 1905.....	68 20	
Total.....			\$ 251 80	
Balance unexpended October 1, 1905.....			231 80	

Recapitulation.

Maintenance fund.....	\$2,097 20
Director's salary.....	1,800 00
Director's traveling expense.....	251 80
Total	\$4,149 00

Vouchers for the above expenditures are on file, as required by law, with the Auditor of Public Accounts.

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